

REMARKS

Supplemental to the response filed January 15, 2009, in this application, the Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment to the claims set forth above. Claim 21 is being added. The status identifiers presented in this amendment assume entry of the amendments presented in the January 15th response, by virtue of the Request for Continued Examination being filed concurrently herewith. After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-4, 6, and 10-21 are now pending in this application.

Interview Summary

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to the Applicant's representative, Mr. Matthew Kremer (Reg. No. 58,671), for the interview conducted on March 13, 2009.

Allowance of claim 21

Claim 21 recites, among other things, a part-cylinder surface, which forms a first region; two circle segment surfaces, wherein each circle segment surface forms a second region; an externally surrounding rim, which is arranged substantially in two planes, projects outward and serves to bear against correspondingly designed bearing surfaces; at least a second rim, wherein the second rim serves to bear against a corresponding designed bearing surface or runs along a circumferential surface of the part-cylinder surface, the circle segment surfaces, or a combination thereof; and one of: (a) at least one opening in at least one segment of the first region, one or both of the second regions, or a combination thereof such that the at least one segment is delimited by the externally surrounding rim and the second rim; or (b) a third region indirectly adjoining a lateral surface in a region of the externally surrounding rim via a planar intermediate region such that the intermediate region is arranged at an angle not equal to 180° from the third region and the second rim runs substantially around the third region. Komowski does not teach or suggest this combination of features.

For instance and as mentioned in the previous Reply filed on January 15, 2009, Komowski does not teach or suggest at least a second rim running along a circumferential surface of the part-cylinder surface, the circle segment surfaces, or a combination thereof because the outer edge 412 of Komowski does not run along the circumferential surface or the circle segment surfaces.

Also as mentioned in the previous Reply filed on January 15, 2009, Komowski does not teach at least a second rim and a third region indirectly adjoining a lateral surface in a region of the externally surrounding rim via a planar intermediate region such that the intermediate region is arranged at an angle not equal to 180° from the third region and the second rim runs substantially around the third region.

For at least these reasons, allowance of claim 21 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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